

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Barnett, Jackson
(11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 552

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF CIVIC
2 LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF ROKTABIJA ABDUL AZEEZ UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 43 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE AS
4 MISSISSIPPI DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY
5 SERVICE.

6 WHEREAS, a dedicated and most public-spirited citizen of
7 Mississippi, friend and colleague, Roktabija Abdul Azeez is
8 retiring after 43 years of federal service with the Peace Corps
9 Action and then as the Mississippi Director of the Corporation for
10 National and Community Service. He has been an important advocate
11 on behalf of Mississippi's citizens and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Program Office of the
13 Corporation for National and Community Service is a vital service
14 to the citizens of our great state. While utilizing government,
15 state programs in Mississippi like Senior Corps, Foster
16 Grandparents, Senior Companions, RSVP volunteers and AmeriCorps
17 VISTA, more opportunities were expanded/opened for people to serve
18 in their communities and make their communities stronger; and



19 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Office of the Corporation for
20 National and Community Service has benefitted from his creative
21 spirit and the value that service holds has made a difference in
22 the lives of residents of the great State of Mississippi as well
23 as their families and communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Roktabija Abdul Azeez was always willing to share
25 his knowledge with programs from around the state and colleagues
26 from around the nation. His extraordinary efforts to respond to
27 the devastation of Hurricane Katrina will always be recognized as
28 heroic, and his office has continued to respond to every tornado,
29 hurricane and flood in Mississippi utilizing AmeriCorps and Senior
30 Corps members. His work is an example of tremendous leadership,
31 tireless spirit and relentless efforts; and

32 WHEREAS, Roktabija Abdul Azeez leaves an enduring legacy of
33 national service and volunteerism for our great state and it is
34 with great pride that we join his colleagues in commending his
35 service:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby recognize the legacy of civic leadership and
39 dedicated service of Roktabija Abdul Azeez upon the occasion of
40 his retirement after 43 years of federal service as Mississippi
41 Director of the Corporation for National and Community Service,
42 and extend the greetings of the Legislature on his retirement
43 ceremony on February 8, 2018, in Jackson, Mississippi.



44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 Roktabija Abdul Azeez, forwarded to the Corporation for National
46 and Community Service, and made available to the Capitol Press
47 Corps.

